



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

## TESTIMONY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS HOUSE ELECTIONS

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I am Cinde Weatherby, testifying as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas in OPPOSITION to HB 2837. We appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today. Thank you for allowing us to share the LWV-TX position on this bill.

We take your time to testify on this bill to call attention to the fact that the bill appears to possibly be establishing an offense and penalty that applies to the voter registrars in our state, when receipt of the death information is not within their control.

HB 2837 calls for the removal of dead people from the voter registration rolls. Yet, voter registrars rely upon death data they receive from several sources. It appears to the League that the generators of the data may be remiss in untimely transmittal of that data to the voter registrars.

Perhaps a study of the system for data sharing could clarify those claims. Until there is some evidence that the voter registrars are at fault, it seems premature to institute any criminal offence on these Tax Assessor-Collectors, County Clerks, or Election Administrators.

We ask that you not approve of further consideration of HB 2837.

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The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) is a nonpartisan citizens' organization that has fought since 1919 to improve our government and engage all citizens in the decisions that impact their lives. It represents more than 5,000 members and supporters in the 25 Local Leagues throughout Texas.

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